

Geneva May 13-1842

Dr A Gray

My dear Sir
Your favour of Dec. last was received
in due time — If I mistake not there was some fifty dollars
or more to be paid to you for services at Hamilton College when
collected of the Treasurer. The money has not yet been paid to me,
but I have the promise of it during the ensuing summer. If I receive
it I will transmit it to you, or if you collect any thing of DeKey
you may put it to my credit, on the score of your lectures at
Hamilton College, and I will account to George for it. —

I should be glad of your assistance in a number of
particulars, and as you have given me liberty, you must not
be discouraged if I make a pretty heavy draft on your time
and patience to begin with. — In moving my apparatus to
Geneva the plate of my Electric machine was broken. Chilton
furnished me with another last summer. This was also broken
on its way from N. York — I wish you to procure for me
another plate. — It must be 32 inches in diameter
of suitable thickness, with a hole in the centre $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter.

I paid Dr. Holt \$35 for that which he furnished - It is possible one may now be procured for less. - The Box in which it was packed was made of ~~stuff~~ less than an inch in thickness which would readily spring from pressure on the centre. From this cause the plate was probably broken. I would suggest that the Box be made of Boards 1 1/2 inch in thickness, ^{the Box} 2 or 3 inches deep, and the glass packed in some Elastic substance so as to bear concussion without danger of injury. I am anxious that you superintend the packing yourself.

2nd I wish you to pay my account for National Preacher, 3 or 4 dollars, and have it discontinued at the close of the present vol. - Office Brick Church Chapel - 3rd - A year ago last January I discontinued all my periodicals - I want to procure as soon as may be Lilliman's Journal and the Journal of the Franklin Institute - I have thought it best to apply for them at N York because in the course of a year or less we shall want to obtain for the Medical Institution here, all the medical periodicals of this country and some of the foreign ones, and if furnished by some dealer in N York we can receive them together by canal boats. You are sufficiently acquainted with the trade in N York to know to whom to apply. Now for the present will you make me subscriber for Lilliman's Journal and the Journal of the Franklin

Institute. I want the back numbers of each commencing in January 1841. which will be with the first No. of the 40th vol. of Lilliman's if I mistake not, and the first number of the 27th vol. of the Franklin Jour. New Series - I shall probably be required to pay down for two years subscription on each of the works - I should like to have the numbers as far as published packed in a Box directed to L Hadley care of Price and Holly Geneva, and sent to the agents of the Hammond post line No 125 Broad Street up stairs. The Electrical plate should have the same direction.

4th Ask Dr Torrey when I am to expect the Reflectors which he was so kind as to negotiate for ~~me~~ my behalf -

May 14th. I had written thus far when I received a letter from my son stating what you had directed him to say respecting the apparatus from Paris. You will be so good as to have it directed and forwarded as the above articles - I wish you to pay to the Publishers of Gray's Botany \$9 for 6 copies of that work, which I have not been accounted for - In closed is a Draft for to meet payment for the items above mentioned - Do not pay for the National Preacher until you know whether there will be sufficient money to settle for the other items - I have delivered two courses of lectures here and am yet like a cat in a strange garret. It will be a long time before we shall be as much at home as we were at Fairfield - I shall feel more like being settled when I get into the new Building which is to be finished in July next. The Chemical Lecture room and Laboratory will be first best - I was greatly disappointed in not seeing you at N York last summer, Will you not be in the country this season? You must not fail to come to Geneva. There are some fine swamps in this neighbourhood which must furnish rare attractions for the Botanist. We hear from Geo. frequently. He arrived at Columbia in Dec last, and has since been engaged in the duties of his office. I do not suppose that G. is very well pleased with his situation and I should not be surprised were we to find him, ere long, wending his way back again to this State. Give my best regards to Dr Torrey and family when you see them & believe me truly yours James Dudley

P.S. The numbers of the Journals hereafter published may
be returned until I send for them or direct respecting
them —

Box. may have ¹⁰ more ^{of} \$1. each,
or return them. *OK*

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